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TOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Inowroclaw, Konin and Gniezno.

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25X1 Inowroclaw.

1. Prior to mid-November 1950, the former Artillery Barracks located on the eastern perimeter of Inowroclaw (P 53/J 15), whose buildings were in good condition, was occupied to capacity by young Polish troops on active duty and referred to as infantry by Polish residents.
2. The former Infantry Barracks, located in the northern sector of the city, was occupied by troops of the same branch, wearing red patches, red cap bands and red-bordered epaulets, equipped with two brass buttons and an engraving, details of which were not identified. The troops located in the two installations had no heavy weapons, the existence of heavy weapons at the post would surely have been common knowledge.
3. The former post hospital, located in the central sector of the city, housed the municipal hospital, to which no members of the Polish Armed Forces were admitted as patients.
4. The UB (Security Police) and the MO (Militia) headquarters for the county of Inowroclaw were located on the northwest side of ul. Rabinska, near the town of Rabin (P 53/J 15).

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Konin.

5. In October 1950, an unidentified Soviet headquarters apparently staffed with troops wearing Soviet uniforms who were observed nearby, was located in a three-story building in Konin (P 53/O 18). The installation was on the east side of the northbound main street, leading toward the bridge over the Warthe River, not far from the intersection of this street with the Warsaw-Poznan (P 53/X 26) thoroughfare, and equipped with a signboard bearing Soviet letters. **

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6. [] two barracks installations were located in the area, namely one southwest of the city and one on both sides of the St-Miasto (P 53/O 18) road, prior to October 1950. In the spring of 1950, the Infantry Barracks, located east of the road, was occupied by Polish troops who wore red service color, and allegedly were recruits. In 1950, the Cavalry Barracks, located on the other side of the road, was empty, according to local residents; no detailed information was available. Prior to October 1950, only soldiers of one branch, referred to as infantry, were observed [] on the streets of the city. ***
7. The military recruiting office was located in the northwestern sector of the city, east of a park. An administrative agency of the Polish Army was located on the same street, east of the military recruiting office.

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Gniezno.

8. Single Soviet FM and officers were observed [] on the streets of the city of Gniezno (P 53/X 68). Numerous Polish troops, wearing red, light-blue and dark-blue cap bands, were also seen. Those wearing light-blue cap bands, had rectangular light-blue patches; those wearing red cap bands had red-and-white pointed patches.

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* [] Comment. On the basis of a report received in 1948, it was believed that a howitzer artillery regiment was located in Inowroclaw. The present report, however, contains no indications that the unit is still located there. A previous report also stated that an infantry unit was located in Inowroclaw, which is confirmed by the present report.

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** [] Comment. A previous report already mentioned the Soviet headquarters in Konin, which is believed to be a signal-communications detail maintaining the Berlin-Poznan-Warsaw telephone line. []

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*** [] Comment. The Polish troops located in Konin have not been identified. A report of September 1949 stated that 1,000 to 1,500 tank and artillery troops were located there, but the report was not confirmed later on.

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